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Christine T. Whitman
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

RE: OPPTS-00274D; Voluntary Children's Chemical Evaluation Program (VCCEP)

Dear Administrator Whitman:

In response to the notice published in the December 26, 2000, *Federal Register* (FR) announcing the pilot of the Voluntary Children's Chemical Evaluation Program (VCCEP), Celanese agrees to sponsor Methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) under Tier 1 of the VCCEP through a consortium formed under the Ketones Panel. Members of the Consortium include Celanese, **ExxonMobil** Chemical Company, Shell Chemical Company, and DuPont.

We understand that sponsoring a chemical in Tier 1 of the VCCEP pilot means that the Consortium and its member companies have made a voluntary commitment to develop hazard and exposure data, consistent with the requirements of Tier 1 of the pilot program. The Consortium's start date for MEK data development is on or before December 15, 2001. This date has been chosen to allow Consortium members to attend EPA-sponsored workshops on exposure requirements before undertaking efforts in that area. The Consortium has not yet determined a submission date for Tier 1 information, but will make every effort to develop the Tier 1 submissions for MEK in a timely fashion and fully expect to do so in 2002.

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Please contact Ms. Phillips if you have any questions regarding this commitment.

Sincerely yours,

~~Dr. Joachim Krueger~~
Vice President, EHS

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